

## PARTNERSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY IN SCHOOLS: A MENTORING OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES

### **Massachusetts Mentoring Program Policy**

The purpose of the Massachusetts Mentoring Program for School Environmental Safety and Health is to: “link private businesses and schools together in an effort to identify and resolve toxics use reduction issues within the schools and in the context of a volunteer relationship which focused on the sharing of information and education of school administrators and staff”.

The Massachusetts Mentoring Program does not exist to promote business relationships with schools. If a school in the program would like to hire an entity serving as a mentor for specific business purposes, then the mentor shall withdraw from the program immediately. If a mentor’s company is listed as a vendor on the statewide contract, the mentor may not solicit business for their company. However, the mentor can refer the school to the state contract list of potential vendors for Hazardous Materials and Medical Waste Collection and Disposal (FAC36).

In the event that the Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA) learns that a mentor has attempted or entered into a contractual relationship with the school, OTA will ask the mentor to withdraw from the program.